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PATENT APPLICATION

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Inventor(s): Matthew H. REILLY et al.

Confirmation No.: 3217

Application No.: 09/884,675

Examiner: C. A. Harkness

Filing Date: 06/19/2001

Group Art Unit: 2183

Title: HARDWARE EFFICIENT HANDLING OF INSTRUCTION EXCEPTIONS TO LIMIT ADVERSE
IMPACT ON PERFORMANCE

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	Exceptions To Limit	§		
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AMENDMENT

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In response to the final Office action of December 28, 2004, Applicants request entry of the proposed amendments in the above-identified application as follows:

Proposed Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.